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State aid to potters

* 2735 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation, dated 15th February 1955, from the Potters' Union, Manamadurai, for financial aid to acquire land for constructing kilns; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An expenditure not exceeding Rs. 1,800 has been sanctioned towards the cost of acquisition of the land, as requested by the Union.

Joint survey of irrigation and power potential of Travancore-Cochin States and Madras

* 2736 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether this Government have requested the Planning Commission to institute a joint survey by the two States of Madras and Travancore-Cochin of the irrigation and power potential and to pool the water now going to waste in two reservoirs one on the extreme south of Tirunelveli-Ramanathapuram-Travancore border and other on Coimbatore-Travancore-Cochin border; and

(b) if so, the reply received thereto?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) This Government have requested the Planning Commission for a joint investigation of the feasibility of diverting waters in some of the west-flowing rivers to the Madras State for the mutual benefit of the Madras and Travancore-Cochin States.

(b) The Planning Commission has stated in its reply that it proposes that schemes in which the diversion of the water looked 'prima facie' advantageous, be investigated by the Central Water and Power Commission with the close collaboration of the State Governments.

Temple entry

* 2737 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact, that weavers in Nedunkuli village near Wandiwash on 25th May protested against the entry of Harijans into a temple when celebrating the marriage of a Harijan in the village temple and observed hartal;

(b) whether police aid was given to celebrate the marriage of the Harijan in the village temple; and